

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting information via a network of interconnected processing mechanisms, comprising:

adding a mark, that is associated with the information, at a source location processing mechanism by activating a marking mechanism; and

presenting the information at a destination location processing mechanism based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism,

wherein at least one of said adding the mark and said presenting the information involves displaying a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information,

wherein all of the processing mechanisms in the network of interconnected processing mechanisms are operable to facilitate:

presenting the information based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism;

adding one or more additional marks to the information;

presenting the information based on the one or more additional marks;

adding one or more additional marks to other information; and

presenting the other information based on the one or more additional marks.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the source location processing mechanism is the same as the destination location processing mechanism.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the source location processing mechanism differs from the destination location processing mechanism.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein the source location processing mechanism is a first processing mechanism contained in ~~associated with a first area in a building that contains a first information processing mechanism~~ and the destination location processing mechanism is a second processing mechanism contained in ~~associated with a second area in the building that contains a second information processing mechanism~~.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information comprises a media content program.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the media content program comprises a video program.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the marking mechanism comprises a mark button provided on a remote control which interacts with ~~[[a]]~~ the source location processing mechanism that implements said adding of the mark.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including deleting the mark by selecting the visual indicator of the mark and activating the marking mechanism again.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding precludes the creation of another mark if that other mark occurs ~~approximately at the same time~~ at the same time, or within a very small time interval as the first-mentioned mark.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the visual indicator of the mark has visual display properties that convey at least one characteristic of the mark.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein the visual display properties include at least a color for presenting the visual indicator.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark pertains to an identity of a user who added the mark.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein said at least one characteristic of the mark pertains to whether the mark is currently selected or unselected.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying further includes presenting a part of the information associated with the mark along with the visual indicator.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the part is a video image taken from the information which is associated with the mark.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the displaying involves presenting the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, where the position conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the displaying involves presenting multiple visual indicators of multiple respective marks at multiple respective display positions along the timeline, where the multiple positions convey respective junctures at which the multiple marks occur within the information.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, further including navigating among the multiple visual indicators to select any one of the visual indicators.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein the navigating involves activating a first key on a remote control to move to a temporally succeeding visual indicator with respect to a currently selected visual indicator, and activating a second key on the remote control to move to a temporally prior visual indicator with respect to the currently selected visual indicator.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 18, further including invoking a currently selected visual indicator by activating a presentation key on a remote control.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the visual indicator of the mark comprises a thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark, and the displaying comprises presenting the thumbnail image in positional relationship to at least one other thumbnail image associated with another mark, wherein the positional relationship is based on the respective times associated with the creation of the marks.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, further including navigating among the thumbnail images to select any one of the thumbnail images.

23. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the adding involves at least one of:

the generation of a status display, wherein the status display presents the visual indicator of the mark at a display position along a timeline, wherein the position conveys a juncture at which the mark occurs within the information;

the generation of a mark panel display that contains an input selection item associated with the information; and

the generation of a thumbnail display that presents the visual indicator as at least one thumbnail image corresponding to a part of the information associated with the mark.

24. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked upon another activation of the marking mechanism.

25. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the presenting is invoked by the activation of an input selection item associated with the information containing the mark, wherein the input selection item appears in a display that corresponds to at least one of:

- a mark panel display;
- a thumbnail display;
- a menu display;
- a program guide display; and
- a program-specific information display corresponding to the information.

26. (Original) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the adding and the presenting of claim 1.

27. (Original) A method for presenting information, comprising:
receiving instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;
displaying a mark panel display in response to the instructions; and
receiving a user's input via the mark panel display to perform at least one of:

creating a new mark in the first program; and
invoking a preexisting mark in a second program.

28. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein the mark panel display includes an input selection item associated with the first program, and at least one other input selection item associated with the second program.

29. (Original) A computer readable medium including machine readable instructions for implementing the receiving of instructions, the displaying, and the receiving of the user's input of claim 27.

30. (Currently Amended) A system for presenting information via a network of interconnected processing mechanisms, the system comprising:

logic configured to add a mark, that is associated with the information, at a source location processing mechanism by activating a marking mechanism; and

logic configured to present the information at a destination location processing mechanism based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism,

wherein at least one of said logic for adding the mark and said logic for presenting the information is configured to display a visual indicator of the mark at a display position that is related to a time at which the mark was associated with the information,

wherein all of the processing mechanisms in the network of interconnected processing mechanisms comprise:

logic configured to present the information based on the mark added at the source location processing mechanism;

logic configured to add one or more additional marks to the information;

logic configured to present the information based on the one or more additional marks;

logic configured to add one or more additional marks to other information; and

logic configured to present the other information based on the one or more additional marks.

31. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 30, wherein the source location processing mechanism is the same as the destination location processing mechanism.

32. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 30, wherein the source location processing mechanism differs from the destination location processing mechanism.

33. (Original) A processing mechanism for presenting information, comprising:

logic configured to receive instructions generated in response to the activation of a marking mechanism during the display of a first program;

logic configured to display a mark panel display in response to the instructions; and

logic configured to receive a user's input via the mark panel display to perform at least one of:

creating a new mark in the first program; and

invoking a preexisting mark in a second program.